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The whole FIRST team poses with their mentors. They are (first row): Amanda Collins, Kristine Plank, Kristina Reynolds, Jon Wilkerson and Malcolm Rhodes. Second Row: Engineer Daryl Petricca, engineer Lisa Warren, teacher Cierra Williams, Vaughn Lindo, Eric Porst, Elvis Celske and engineer Kevin Gay. Third row: Engineer Doug Mayo, teacher Jane Johnston, staff sponsor Vanessa Rhodes. Eric Joplin, Nick Gregg, Wallace Reynolds and Josh Slaughter.

## FIRST team plays well in Atlanta

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Twenty-second in a field of more than 100 participants isn't a bad finish.

That's where the Romulus High School-General Motors Powertrain Robotics Team finished last week at the international FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition in Atlanta, Ga.

The team - which is made up of 14 high school students interested in the field of engineering - is pleased with the outcome of the competition, where their robot competed against others in rounds of competition in several games. Each round, students operated the robot from a remote location and made any repairs or modifications necessary during the competition.

FIRST, an 8-year-old organization which aims to encourage students to get interested in computers, science and engineering, hosts competitions throughout the year designed to teach teamwork and cooperation - as well as how to build the robot and operate it.

Kevin Gay, the GM Powertrain engineer who mentors the students, said the performance of the students taught them everything they need to know about a career in engineering.

"You need to realize that you are working for a corporation, and the corporation expects to make money from your work and expertise," he told students. "This is a very

competitive field and you will have to be sharp to maintain your position."

Teachers from Romulus High School work with the GM engineers throughout the process to help make the learning experience more rewarding. But for students - who are given six weeks to make a box of scrap metal parts, screws, electrical devices and wires into a fully functional robot capable of moving objects - it's fun, but it's also hard work.

"We really had a special chemistry this year and everybody put in many, many hours to attain our 22nd place finals ranking," said Jane Johnston, a science teacher at Romulus High School and the robotics team sponsor.

The Robotics team started out the FIRST season with the successful competition at the Finger Lakes Regional, in Rochester, N.Y., where the team tied for third place among 48 teams. Then it was on to the Eastern Michigan University regional, where the

team earned the eighth place spot. Those victories were enough to take the team to Atlanta, where the team faced championship teams from throughout the United States.

According to FIRST, the robotics program reaches about 25,000 students each year. Teams come from several other countries, including Canada, Brazil, England, Ecuador, Israel and Mexico.

Sponsor companies include several technology and manufacturing companies, as well as universities and non-tech companies. Individual firms often provide scholarship dollars to students who participate in the program.

The GM Romulus Plant has several engineers assigned to the initiative, including Gay, Lisa Warren, Daryl Petricca and Doug Mayo.

General Motors provided financing for the team. This year, the company gave \$100,000 to help the team succeed. The Romulus Rotary Club also provided support.



General Motors executives Doug Mayo, Daryl Petricca, Ray Therault, Tim Slack and Lisa Mayo.

## Developers attracted to land near track

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Adjacent to the huge, vacant parcel of land that will be home to the Michigan Downs horse track is an area Romulus officials hope will become the heart of a retail district.

In fact, city Economic Development Director Tim Keyes said he believes the race track will provide an anchor for several businesses the community needs but does not have: like a movie theater or a department store like Marshall Field's.

"I don't want to pigeonhole the type of development we want to come here," he said. "This is a regional district, and all development - like office, restaurants, retailers - are what we need and want."

So far, the city has received several calls from developers about building a myriad of projects - all of which are down the road, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"What we're really hoping for

is a shopping mall; that's what we really need," he said. "Our phones have been ringing constantly. Developers, now that the racetrack and a possibly casino are coming, there's a big pull for that sort of development here. They told us to call them if the racetrack is approved."

A mall - if and when it comes to Romulus - would be similar to Twelve Oaks in Novi or Somerset Collection Troy, Lambert said.

Neither Lambert nor Keyes would speak about specifics until plans are presented to council. But both are relieved that developers are coming to see Romulus as a viable retail and office district, instead of an industrial city with businesses that support the massive Detroit Metropolitan Airport - an entity that divides the city both figuratively and literally.

"Some developers would not count the millions of people that come in and out of the airport as

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## Schools win state awards for several learning projects

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Health programs, service projects and educational programs at Romulus Community Schools were given several awards at a recent luncheon hosted by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

Gail Braverman, the communications director for MASB, said, "This is the first time in the 20-year history of the MASB awards that anyone has attained more than three awards. Everyone needs to understand that each MASB category has a different team of judges and that the teams work independently so there is no way that one group of judges could know what selections the other team might be making."

Schools Superintendent Joel Carr said he was pleased with the accolades. "We are very proud to have so many of our programs recognized at the state level," he said. "This reflects very positively on our schools and our community."

This year, MASB "Service of Learning" awards went to Romulus High School and the school Senior Project. The projects are meant to help students realize how important it is to give

back to members of the community by donating their time on a semester-long project. Each Romulus High School prepared a senior project on a socially relevant issue as part of his or her graduation requirement.

The students must learn a skill related to their project, perform a community service and prepare a multimedia presentation for their peers, parents and community members. Some of the projects included food and blanket drives, among other projects. Teachers Monica Lewis, Serena Kessler, and Jaime Nelson mentored the students during the projects, and accepted this award at the luncheon.

The Romulus alternative education program also earned an award for a joint-survey with Southgate Community Schools that analyzed the use of tobacco and sexual behavior among teens. As a result of that survey, a special coalition was formed to assist students struggling with those issues, and a health fair - complete with guest speakers - drew more than 300 students. High school principal Al Wilkerson represented Romulus at this award ceremony.

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# County testing birds for West Nile Virus

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Now that summer has arrived, the Wayne County Environmental Health Department is once again warning citizens to protect themselves against the West Nile Virus.

According to Steve Tackitt, director of the environmental health division at the Wayne County Health Department, the virus won't just go away, which is why testing has begun on fresh specimens of ravens, crows and bluejays.

Already this year, there has been one reported case in Ann Arbor of West Nile. Last month, a dead bluejay was found in Washtenaw County confirming the first report of the mosquito-born virus this season.

Although there has been no reported case of the virus so far in the western Wayne County area, Dan Swallow, environmental director for Van Buren Township, said they would continue to provide residents with free mosquito dunk tanks, which are made of the naturally occurring bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis* (BTI) that kills mosquito larvae. The tanks are to be placed in stagnant water in the homeowner's

property. They control mosquito larvae for up to 30 days. It is not effective for large bodies of water, said Swallow.

"It's difficult to tell whether or not West Nile is worse this year because it is still early in the season, but the cold spring has certainly slowed down the mosquito population," he said.

"For the past three or four years we've made a large education effort through the schools, the media and just in general for people to take the adequate precautions," said Tackitt. "Because of the life cycle of the virus, it's something that we can't get rid of all together."

However, there is a human vaccine in the works.

"It's still in the developmental stages. The best ways to protect yourself are to stay away from forested areas and breeding areas before dusk and dawn, and if you don't, wear protective clothing and a mosquito protection product like DEET," said Tackitt.

"At home, also make sure to eliminate stagnant water where they can breed like old tires and flower pots," added Swallow.

To report dead bird for testing, contact the Wayne County Health Department at 734-727-7400.



## Valuable lesson

First-grade students at Barth elementary School in Romulus got a taste of Democratic values after making a presentation to Romulus School Board members recently. The students, under the guidance of first grade teacher Lori Russell, practiced for several weeks leading up to the big event. Here, Russell accompanies students (first row, left to right) Jackson Arold, Emilee Keys, Megan Hines, Alexis Celeshine, and Austin Walker. Pictured in the second row are (left to right): Shannel DeFoe, Bryan Post, Nicholas Helton, Tazhane Willis, Jamie Laura and Jacob Jones.

## School custodians offered early buyout

Last week, members of the Van Buren School Board approved an early severance incentive plan to all custodial and maintenance employees in the district. The plan will assist senior employees with their retirement planning, while providing for the retention of employees who have been laid off due to the current financial

crisis, a board spokesman said.

Eligibility factors include: any custodial or maintenance employee who works 30 or more hours per week, is a union member and is currently employed by the district.

The incentive plan will be paid according to longevity or classification. For classification, all eligible employees would

receive \$8,500 to be paid into a 403 plan. For longevity, all eligible employees who are currently on step 17 of the salary schedule would receive \$11,000 to be paid into the 403 plan. Only one plan is allowed. The effective date of resignation must be no later than Aug. 31, according to information provided by the district.

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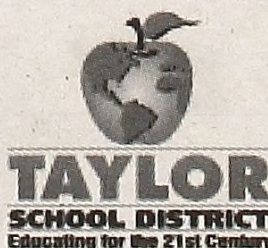
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# Alternative education a go for Van Buren

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

In the fall, the Van Buren Public school district will start their newest learning venture—an alternative education program—and school administrators said they are certainly going to be ready.

“It’s a definite go,” said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of schools.

And so is the majority of the setup process for the program including housing, curriculum and the new principal—Saul Davis. He was selected from 12 applicants with previous administrative experience in alternative education settings.

“Mr. Davis has a wealth of experience and we’re very pleased to have him head up this program,” said Lazaroff. “We’ve been reassessing and visiting other high school alternative education programs, so Mr Davis is in the process of putting together guidelines and procedures for ours now.”

Davis has lived in Belleville for about four years. He said he is excited to get back into an administrative position.

“Ever since I moved to Belleville, I wanted to do something like this so when the

opportunity came, I jumped on it,” he said. “I feel strongly that I would be an asset to the district, as my expertise is in alternative educational environments with a school-to-career focus. I also have experience in building programs from the start up phase.”

Prior to his new position, Davis was the center director for O.E. Learning in Troy where he trained staff on operational procedures, program development and marketing. He was previously the principal for DeLaSalle Education Center for the Kobets Campus and Detention Campus in Kansas City, Miss. from 1998-2000. He also served as an assistant principal at DeLaSalle Education Center, Kobets Campus from 1995-1997, prior to becoming a principal.

“I feel I can bring new ideas, such as cooperative education programs, character development, parent involvement, community involvement and other creative things, into this program,” said Davis. “Since the environment is different because of the way kids learn in the classroom, I’m looking to implement instances where students can use skills and relate them to other subject matters as well as practical situations in life.”

“I’m excited about the opportunity and I’m anxious to get started,” he added.

Since school board members approved an alternative education program for the district, they have decided to house it in three portable classrooms at the vocational education facility on Sumpter Road. Two of the units will house the ninth to 12th grade program and the other unit will house offices and the seventh and eighth grade program.

The district will continue to put on the final touches—selecting teachers and staff and recruiting students—for the program, according to Lazaroff

“We hope to start with about 120 students total for both programs,” he said.

Even though Romulus could be on the verge of losing almost half of their alternative education students, Lazaroff said he has not heard too much feedback from the Romulus district.

“We are also looking to service other students from surrounding schools and districts around us such as the schools of choice, along with our own students,” he said. “Again, we are very excited about providing this service for the students of our district.”

## News in brief

### Community Conference gets \$400,000

The Environmental Protection Agency announced that the Downriver Community Conference – a multi-city non-profit that includes Romulus – will get two grants worth \$200,000 for job training and brownfield clean up in the 10 communities the conference represents. The first will create a job training initiative through Wayne County Community College that will train 80 students in brownfield remediation careers and environmental jobs. Sixty-four of those students will work in the field and will be able to apply for hazardous materials certification. The other grant for brownfield assessments will allow more students in both Wayne and Monroe counties to train for brownfield careers. Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn) said that the funds and training could help lead to the clean up of about 400 sites in the 10 downriver communities. Brownfield properties are those that are abandoned or contaminated should be cleaned and rehabilitated before new development on the site.

### Council seeks talented artists

The Romulus Arts Council is looking for K-12 students who live in Romulus to submit works of art for consideration for display at the new senior center when it opens this fall. The selected pieces will be framed and displayed at city hall until the new facility opens. Crayon, watercolor, and pencil art is acceptable. Pieces of art must be submitted by June 30 for consideration. All art must have the artist’s name, age, and contact information attached to the back of the art. Art should be sent to Maria Lambert at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Mich. 48174; or Susan Hurt, 36663 Goddard Road, Romulus, Mich. 48174. All art will be returned to artists. For more information, call Lambert at (734) 955-4533, or Hurt at (734) 955-1123.

# Van Buren police seek motel, station robbers

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township Police continue to look for the duo who robbed the Super 8 Motel, located on the I-94 Service Drive west of Belleville Road.

According to Sgt. Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, police officials received a call at about 11:51 p.m. May 23 from the motel owner about the robbery. The suspect—a white male—rushed into the motel, jumped over the counter and struck the owner in the head with a gun and asked him for all his money.

The gunman—described as between the ages of 25-30—then took about \$100 from the register and left the building. He, along with another man, described as a white male between the ages of 25-30, were seen driving away in a light blue Dodge or Chevy vehicle headed eastbound on the I-94 Service Drive, Laurain said.

The motel owner has recovered from his minor injuries.

Township police are also searching for a man who robbed the BP gas station last week on Rawsonville and Martz roads.

At around 2:01 p.m. on May 26, the gas station clerk called police officials about the

robbery. The clerk was taking out the trash when a black male came into the station, went over to the counter and selected a lighter. He asked how much the lighter cost and as the clerk told him, he jumped over the counter and told her to “Stay back or I’ll kill you,” Laurain said. The man then pushed the clerk into the back room and took about \$430 from the register.

When the clerk heard the front doors close, she came out and called the police, Laurain said.

Anyone who has more information about either of the robberies is urged to call the police department at 734-699-8930.

# Retail - Residential outlook drives developers to land near track

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traffic (for a mall),” Lambert said. “They’re main concern was density – they look at rings of land around where they’d like to build, and there needs to be people that live in that area.”

There are about 800 new homes currently under construction in the city, which means business should follow to cater to those new residents, Keyes said. Generally, residential density must be increased to lure retail businesses so companies know there are a sufficient number of customers before they invest money in building a new store.

The city is still looking for more residential development as it courts potential com-

mercial entities, Lambert said. The city expects that the planning commission this week will approve a new condominium project near the Vining Road site where the racetrack will sit.

Several factors in the past had deterred developers from coming to the city, including the inability of Romulus in years past to articulate a vision for the several vacant parcels of land in the community, Keyes said. This hindered the ability of the city to maximize opportunities for business and new homes – the latter of which is no longer a problem, he added.

“We didn’t get out there and tell them what we’re about,” he said. “We’re better at that now. Our job is to be out there every day,

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*Our job is to be out there every day, telling developers and businesses that Romulus is a great place.*

**Tim Keyes**

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One of the entities actively looking to build near the racetrack site is a casino operator, but nothing is currently in writing, Lambert said. Currently, about five entities are vying for a casino license in the city.

# Awards - Senior projects earn top honors, partnerships are lauded

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Other programs that took home awards included the “Body Phonics,” a program that was developed by Wick Elementary teacher Chris Consales to help students having difficulty learning to read and uses story-telling, picture-drawing, and hand signals to link sounds to letter shapes. Regular teachers and after school reading tutors used the program.

A year after the program was implemented, district figures indicated a jump to 87 percent meeting state requirements on the reading and English-Language Arts portions of the MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) test.

The school partnership with

Girls Club of America at Merriman Elementary also won an award.

Curriculum director Tom Dolan said the district works hard to identify programs and activities that will help students. “Our staff has worked very hard to provide these individualized and unique programs for our students. It is just great to have so many recognized for excellence at the same time.”

State Board of Education President Kathleen Strauss said she hopes the district – and others – continue to find new ways to reach students, especially when resources are so few.

“Although each award is in a different category, the district leadership is very evident and shows what a difference original programs can

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*Our staff has worked very hard to provide these individualized and unique programs for our students.*

**Tom Dolan**

make for the education of Michigan children,” she said.”

Strauss added that the winning programs would be added to a book that will describe each program, so other districts can implement them. “Within a hundred of those books will be distributed to all Michigan schools.”



# OPINION

## Real signs of progress

The control or outright removal of blight in area communities has become such a popular topic of conversation that it has nearly become a bit of a cliché.

It's always something that surfaces at regular intervals, perhaps during campaign years, but usually goes away until everyone gets fed up, again, with the way certain prime properties work.

Not in Wayne.

Officials in that community have once again proved that they are on the forefront of reducing blight in their city. Perhaps a case could be made that city officials are conservative in some areas, but certainly not this. This is an issue that they have confronted in every way they can, using new legislative tools virtually as soon as they become available.

They have taken advantage of accelerated tax foreclosure laws to snap up property cheaply and sell it for residential and new business development. They have aggressively pursued those who don't take care of their properties — we can say that, we've been on the weed list once or twice, ourselves.

Not all of their approaches have been punitive in nature, either. They offer programs through the Downtown Development Authority and the Community Development Department for those who can't afford to make repairs on their properties. Through the Wayne 2020 Committee, they've started up a 'friendly letter to businesses' informing business owners of their attempts to clean up blight and programs they might be eligible for.

And, most recently, they've made use of new Dangerous Building Ordinances to concentrate on vacant, unmarketed property. Wayne is the first city that we know of within western Wayne County to embrace this legislation, which was approved last year.

The name of the ordinance itself is a bit of misnomer, as city officials themselves will tell you. It essentially refers to properties that have been left vacant for more than six months with no attempt made to sell them, fix them up or lease them to new tenants. They may be old homes that are no longer up to code, with no identifiable utility hookups. They may be long-empty commercial buildings — like those along Michigan Avenue a short hop from downtown Wayne — with peeling paint and boarded up windows. They have one thing in common, though: they tend to bring down the value of surrounding properties.

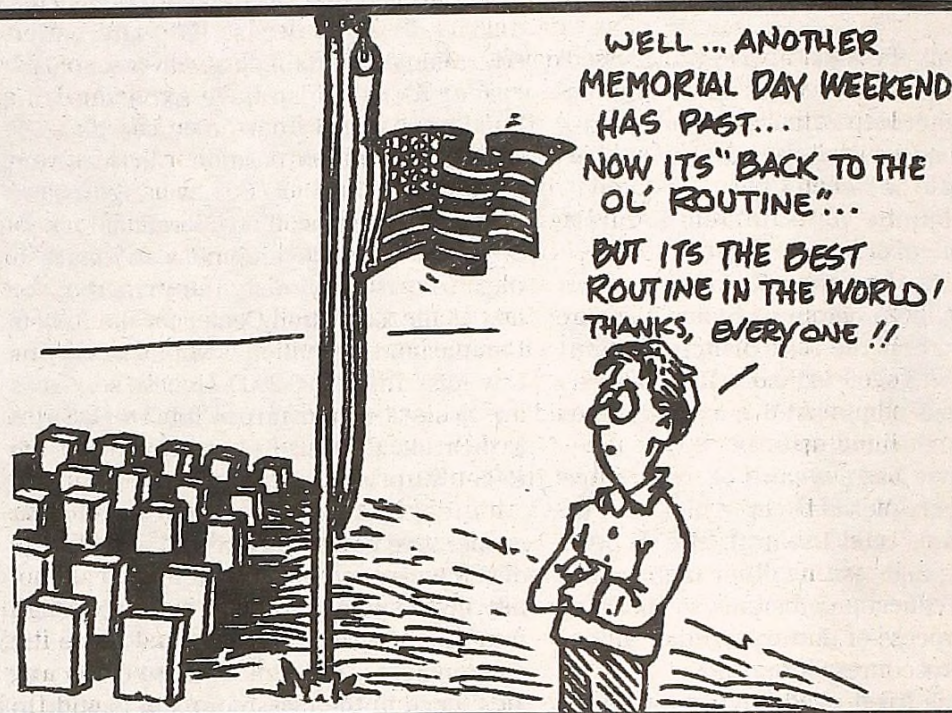
The legislation sets up a process where property owners are invited to a hearing in front of a local officer; they can appeal the findings in court. Eventually, if the issues are not cleared up, the city will gain permission to raze the structures and place the cost on the tax rolls. The property owner will keep the property, but could lose it if he or she ultimately does not pay those taxes.

In Wayne, officials turned to someone familiar with many of the issues involved in those types of long vacant buildings — former Fire Chief Michael O'Brien.

O'Brien heard testimony on the first two cases last week, both residential homes that have long vexed their neighbors. Neither owner showed up for the hearing, but anyone who expected a rubber stamp on the city's findings would have been disappointed; O'Brien put off his decision until he could take a closer look at the properties, which he could only do with an administrative search warrant issued by Judge Laura Mack. That issue was pending when this issue went to press.

The city has done many things right with this new anti-blight tool, though. They've carefully selected which properties they would concentrate on by determining which cases would have the best chance of standing up in court. They've started to use the legislation

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## A little environmental optimism

I think you can add to the great local questions of our time: Will the Rouge River ever be safe to walk in or fish from?

In this, I am optimistic and there are several reasons why. The biggest of which is the huge public relations campaign that groups like the Friends of the Rouge put on and the way the group reaches out to organizations like the school districts.

It makes sense to get students involved in the effort, as has taken place throughout western Wayne County in recent weeks. It makes for a better lesson — a lot more interactive and interesting than reading about blue water in a textbook. It gives them a sense of ownership, too, a feeling that they can get involved and make a difference, no matter what their age.

For most of my life, I've thought of the Rouge River as a green stagnant ribbon along Hines Drive. I never really considered it as a viable habitat for anything other than some weird kind of mutated fish or perhaps a new strain of Rainbow Trout (called Glow in the Dark Trout). It's also served as a repository for anything from rusted out shopping carts to old tires and safes.

I also never realized how vast an impact this ailing water way had on our environment, how many people it affected or anything like that.

That changed shortly after I moved to Wayne and visited a local site here — in Dynamite Park — on

a Rouge River Rescue day. I was astounded to see this peaceful bit of nature smack in the middle of a major urban area. A short walk down the trails and pathways will bring you to a place that you could more easily picture in northern Michigan; along with the winding river you can find steep banks that present a picturesque view, plenty of wildlife, even some quick moving rapids.

OK, so the water is still a little green in some areas and I still wouldn't dangle my feet from an old tree stump, but things are getting better.

It's something to think about this weekend, when the annual Rouge River Rescue day returns throughout the watershed. In places like Wayne, Westland, Canton — virtually everywhere nearby, there will be volunteers hard at work cleaning up their own little corner of this undervalued commodity, in hopes that the pollution that has damaged it for so long will one day be a thing of the past.

Work will take place in Plymouth at Main Street and Byron Street and in Plymouth Township Park; in Canton at Flodin Park off Saltz between Sheldon and Lilley roads; in Westland at the Holliday Nature Preserve and in Wayne at Dynamite Park again.

It's a good way to spend the morning and, with a little luck and perseverance, it will help bring back the river for all of us to enjoy.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## When wild dogs attack, its time to go home

Sometimes, the only way to see what's right in front of you is to travel thousands of miles away.

A recent trip to Greece, my first to Europe, was eye opening in more than a few ways. First of all, it offered me the chance to see first-hand what my great-grandparents left behind 90 or so years ago. Before I left, I was contemplating quitting my job here in the States, reclaiming the family's olive groves and setting myself up as an olive oil mogul.

It seemed like a peaceful, idyllic way of life — much superior to the American grind. What I found, though, was an Americanized country, yet very much not America.

Yes, you can go see an American movie, eat a cheeseburger and speak English with much of the population 45 and under, who speak what they call 'Greeklish,' but no matter how much our culture pervades theirs, the differences are still clear.

Have I mentioned I was almost attacked by a wild dog? I'll get to that.

Athens is a big, bustling, sweaty city of about 4 million. In America, nothing is much older than a few hundred years. Our cities were built during great industrial and technological advances. Athens is obviously much older. There are no skyscrapers to be seen. The highest point is the Acropolis, which in ancient times was used as a natural defense against attackers. The streets are also much older and narrower, but that doesn't stop people from driving like maniacs. Motorcycles weave in and out of

traffic at will. There seemed to be more wild dogs than traffic cops.

To anyone thinking of heading to the cradle of democracy anytime soon, a few days in Athens is enough.

So, we left and headed three hours through the mountains to the village my family came from. It was interesting to compare the outlying regions of the city with suburban Detroit. To my eye, there seemed to be a general lack of planning. As you press out of Athens, buildings seemed to be built haphazardly without any regard to what it is or where it's at. Canton Township Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson would pop a vein if anything remotely as unruly came to Canton Township. I reminded myself that they probably didn't have planning commissions thousands, even hundreds of years ago. I wondered if they had any now.

This same sort of leniency and laxness was noticeable in other areas of life. You can still smoke basically everywhere. There is no drinking age. People seem to eat dinner whenever they please. Highway rest areas are optional — the side of the road will do just fine.

There also didn't appear to be any sort of humane society for animals. Dogs and cats roamed

Cutting Loose

by John Counts

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Letters

Cancer survivor praises Relay for Life

To the editor;  
As a guest of Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo, I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation for what was given to me on May 14 when I participated in the Seventh Annual American Cancer Society Canton Relay of Life. I am a breast cancer survivor of 29 years.  
This beautiful day began when we all stood together and sang our national anthem. As the cancer survivors lined up to begin their walk around the pond, you then knew this would be a day to remember. We saw boys and girls, men and women, all ages, starting from very young children right up to the wisest of adults.  
The rose we carried with us as we walked distinguished us from others. We felt proud of the fight we are fighting to overcome this disease. Survivors had a smile on their face as we were cheered on by our loved ones, and our caretakers. Even strangers to us this day became our support system.  
This day would not be complete if the people who plan this event, who work endlessly and start planning now for next year, are not recognized and com-

mended for their timeless efforts to prove how much they care. Their goals certainly came to pass, making it a happy and blessed day for everyone, in addition to raising \$250,000.  
I would like to mention Debbie Zevalkink, and her entire team, who coordinate this outstanding experience for cancer survivors. Over and over, her name is spoken from the lips of people all through the day. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts.  
I would like to thank everyone who displayed their encouragement in the continual fight to eradicate this disease. You showed me once again the importance of the gift of life.  
Outback served us a superb lunch. McDonald's hamburgers were abundant.  
Everything done this day was prepared with love and with the cancer survivor in mind. All of these special blessings I received from all of you will not be forgotten.  
Joanne Rybar,  
Richmond  
Club thanks township supervisor  
To the editor;  
On behalf of Canton

Newcomer President Kathy Smith, myself and all our members, we wanted to take a minute to thank Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack for being our guest speaker at our recent general meeting.  
For those of you who may not know us, the Canton Newcomers are a social, civic, and charitable organization, whose motto is "Where neighbors become friends". Some of us are brand new to Canton, others long-time residents.  
Tom's vision, commitment and passion were evident as he briefed us on the history of Canton and all it has to offer. We all knew that from afar, that is why we moved here, but to get the information this close and personal made it extra special. Tom gets it. Parks and recreation, arts and theater, varied housing stock, and so much more, with a stable tax rate because of major achievements like Yazaki and IKEA.  
He openly discussed our traffic concerns. He explained the pro-active steps the intersection committee is taking and how IKEA will spend \$1 million on road improvements. Then he stayed after our meeting ended and answered even more individual questions. He also had sug-

gestions for us on how we can get involved in our community.  
Thanks again Tom for your support in our contribution to making Canton all it can be.  
To learn more about the Canton Newcomers, a complimentary copy of our monthly newsletter, the Canon Connection, can be requested at newcomers.angelcities.com. If you have any questions for us, we can be reached at 734 737 0755.  
Karen Kruszka  
Canton Newcomers  
Millage is no protection  
To the editor;  
Imagine this...what if you never make it home to call the police after being attacked while walking at night? Millage increase or not, the police cannot be expected to protect the public before a violent encounter occurs. With most violent assaults, the police will arrive in time to gather evidence and call an ambulance, or worse, a coroner.  
If attacked, it is irresponsible to assume that dialing 911 (if you can) will ensure protection against severe bodily injury or death.  
Bruce Hartdegen,  
Plymouth

Carriers thank residents  
To the editor;  
The Plymouth Post Office would like to thank the people in the Plymouth community who left food for their carrier to pick up on May 14, 2005 for our 13th nationwide food drive.  
Because of your support, the Plymouth community collected over 30,000 pounds of food for the Salvation Army to help feed our children and seniors during the summer months.  
We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generosity during the food drive: Absopure, Burger King (Five Mile) McDonald's (Beck Road) Hiller's, Busch's Tim Horton's, Frito Lay, Einstein Bagels (Ann Arbor Road) Joe's, Subway (Ann Arbor Trail and Road) Papa Romano's, Mr. Pita, Quizno's, Jimmy John's, Steve's Family Dining, Leo's, Russ's and Domino's Pizza (Five Mile).  
Barb Mitchell,  
Plymouth Food Drive Coordinator

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relatively quickly, but taken a

careful approach since then, with the idea of hearing two or three cases a month. Since they'll most likely be blazing a trail for other municipalities to follow, it's a good approach to

take.  
With all the tools the city has as its disposal, one might wonder why there isn't more action on the blight control front. That is an easy question to answer,

though. All of these tools take time to implement; the city has to follow procedures and respect the property rights of all individuals.  
And sometimes, it just takes

some time to track down all parties with a connection to a piece of property.  
Keep in mind, as well, that this is a new process. So far, the signs are encouraging, though.

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freely. Even if they had a collar and an owner nearby, leash requirements like we have here in suburbia were nonexistent.  
At first, it was nice to be free of the uptight American mentality where you always seem to be breaking some sort of ordinance or law just by walking down the street. When my 12 days in the ancestral homeland were up, though, I was more than ready to come home.  
America was more than willing to take me back, too. A wild dog told me so.  
So there I was, a day after visiting my family's olive groves near the village, at the hotel overlooking the hypnotic Ionian Sea. My idyllic vision was still intact. I was

ready to sell off my car and set up a little shack in the groves and learn the olive oil trade from my Greek cousins. In my reverie, I decided to take a stroll around the hotel. As soon as I got no more than 50 yards from the hotel, the dog lifted itself up from where he was sunning himself in front of a small cottage on the sea. He didn't have a leash or tags so I didn't know if he belonged to the home or not. But he definitely didn't want me passing by it. He gnashed his teeth and came at me. I backed away and still he came at me. I didn't attempt to try to calm him down. I just shrugged my shoulders and turned back toward the hotel.  
Sometimes, it takes thousands of miles to see what you have. Other times, a wild dog is guarding the road leading elsewhere.  
I was ready to come home.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 9, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
**Present:** LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-169

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 2, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-170

3A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of PC-2004-029, Metro Airport Center Planned Development Area (PDA), introduced at the regular meeting of City Council held April 25, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Presentation on the proposed North Terminal Project at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport by Jon Hypnar. No Action Taken.

05-171

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Planning Commission and approve the plans for PC-2005-003, Special Land Use, a truck trailer storage and repair facility. DP# 82-80-001-99-0016-701 north side of Beverly Road, west of Inkster Road subject to the following stipulations:

1. The building front and wall be constructed of matching of 4-inch face brick;
2. A revised lighting plan.
3. A revised truck circulation plan.
4. No waiver be granted and the installation of 10-inch curbs along the entire driveway entrance and any other additional barrier the City Engineer deems appropriate during site plan review.
5. A note must be added to the landscape plan stating that a water source for the plantings north of the Ecorse Creek will be from the fire protection loop as described in correspondence from the applicant if acceptable to the Fire Department.
6. A signed affidavit indicating there are no regulated trees on site. A final MDEQ permit is required prior to the issuance of any building permits.
7. Approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission including incorporation of the above conditions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-172

3D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant Special Land Use to PC-2005-005, for a Wendy's fast food restaurant with drive-thru on the north side of Ecorse Road, east of Hannan, DP#82-80-0026-99-0015-701 subject to the following stipulations:

1. Pedestrian Circulation connections be provided to the development to the north, west and east of the site.
2. A truck circulation plan in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance be submitted to verify that delivery trucks will not interfere with vehicular and pedestrian areas. The hours of operation for the restaurant must be submitted and verified by Wendy's Corporation to ensure there will be no conflict.
3. The dumpster be located to the eastern edge of the delivery area to further limit potential conflicts and additional parking spaces added to eastern edge of parking area.
4. Light poles not to exceed 20 feet, including base, and match the color and style of previously approved Gateway Crossing retail development to the north, as this is a primary Gateway to the City and in close proximity to residential.
5. Compliance with the Planning Commission conditions of site plan review.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays -None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-173

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution congratulating Mrs. Emma Beanum for her many years of service to the American Progressive Association, APA.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,

Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-174

4B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution welcoming baby William M. Wadsworth II, born May 8, 2005, weighing in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces; new grandson of Councilman and Mrs. William Wadsworth.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-175

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt the following 2005/2006 General Appropriations Act for the City of Romulus and the 34th District Court, which includes the appropriate millage rates:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General on an activity basis, the following:

COUNCIL	64,869
MAYOR	253,362
LEGAL	218,500
COMMUNITY SERVICE	17,650
PUBLIC RELATIONS	61,261
CLERK	422,695
ELECTIONS	111,042
TREASURER	417,664
ASSESSOR	513,697
BOARD OF REVIEW	1,584
CITY OWNED PROPERTY	29,500
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	33,262
FINANCE	626,484
PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS	273,309
UNALLOCATED	353,156
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	258,000
POLICE	8,203,439
ORDINANCE	295,062
ANIMAL SHELTER	205,567
FIRE	2,020,801
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	241,618
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	241,863
BUILDING	1,307,375
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	493,379
DRAINS-AT-LARGE	133,300
BUILDING & GROUNDS	3,464,282
CEMETERY	137,398
RECREATION	681,041
LIBRARY	307,907
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,125
UNRESOLVED CLAIMS	30,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,420,192

CONTINGENCIES	477,768
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	21,897,960

REVENUES	
TAXES	10,235,020
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	172,500
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,449,750
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	5,221,214
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	2,120,829
MISCELLANEOUS	522,300
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	61,000
FINES & FORFEITS	900,000

TOTAL REVENUES	20,682,613
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APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,215,347
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TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	21,897,960
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SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	2,630,853
TRAFFIC SERVICES	124,358
WINTER MAINTENANCE	186,686
DITCHING	91,203
TRANSFER TO BEVERLY ROAD	159,195
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	280,738

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	3,473,033
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REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	20,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	3,000
OTHER INCOME	1,000



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PAVING INSPECTION FEES	500
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	40,000
ENGINEERING FEES - REIMBURSEMENTS	500
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	550
STATE SHARED REVENUES	1,122,953
MDOT GRANT - GODDARD (Mdlbt-Inks)	1,200,000
TOTAL REVENUES	2,388,503
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,084,530
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	3,473,033

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	647,697
TRAFFIC SERVICES	95,777
WINTER MAINTENANCE	167,287
DITCHING	111,395
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	1,022,156

REVENUES	
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	5,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	6,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	12,600
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	73,500
STATE SHARED REVENUES	419,231
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	0
TRANSFER IN MAJOR STREETS FUND	280,738
TOTAL REVENUES	797,069
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	225,087
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,022,156

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	212,680
REVENUES	128,850
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	83,830
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	212 680

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	360,050
REVENUES	337,500
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	22,550
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	360,050

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	940,373
REVENUES	955,804

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	352,500
REVENUES	352,620

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

9 1 1 FUND	206,457
REVENUES	152,000
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	54,457
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	206,457

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LAW ENFORCEMENT	27,000
REVENUES	26,500
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	500
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	27,000

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	286,380
REVENUES	134,100
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	152,280
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	286,380

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	311,665
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REVENUES	321,765
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SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Building Authority Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE	292,971
REVENUES	258,100
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	34,871
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	292,971

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT	8,846
REVENUES	125,000

SECTION 15. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

WATER DEBT	0
REVENUES	77,500

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Senior Center Construction Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION	414,513
REVENUES	438,313

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	11,977,843
REVENUES	12,511,150

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	1,575,344
REVENUES	1,435,229
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	140,115
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,575,344

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Technology Services Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	589,899
REVENUES	494,691
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	95,208
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	589,899

SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	649,959
REVENUES	805,789

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	658,120
REVENUES	578,500
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	79,620
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	658,120

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Long Term Disability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LONG-TERM DISABILITY SELF-INSURANCE	15,000
REVENUES	16,200

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Economic Development Corporation Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	1,090
REVENUES	25
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,065
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,090

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - SPECIAL REVENUE	1,136,803
REVENUES	963,870
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	172,933
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,136,803

SECTION 25. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis, the following:

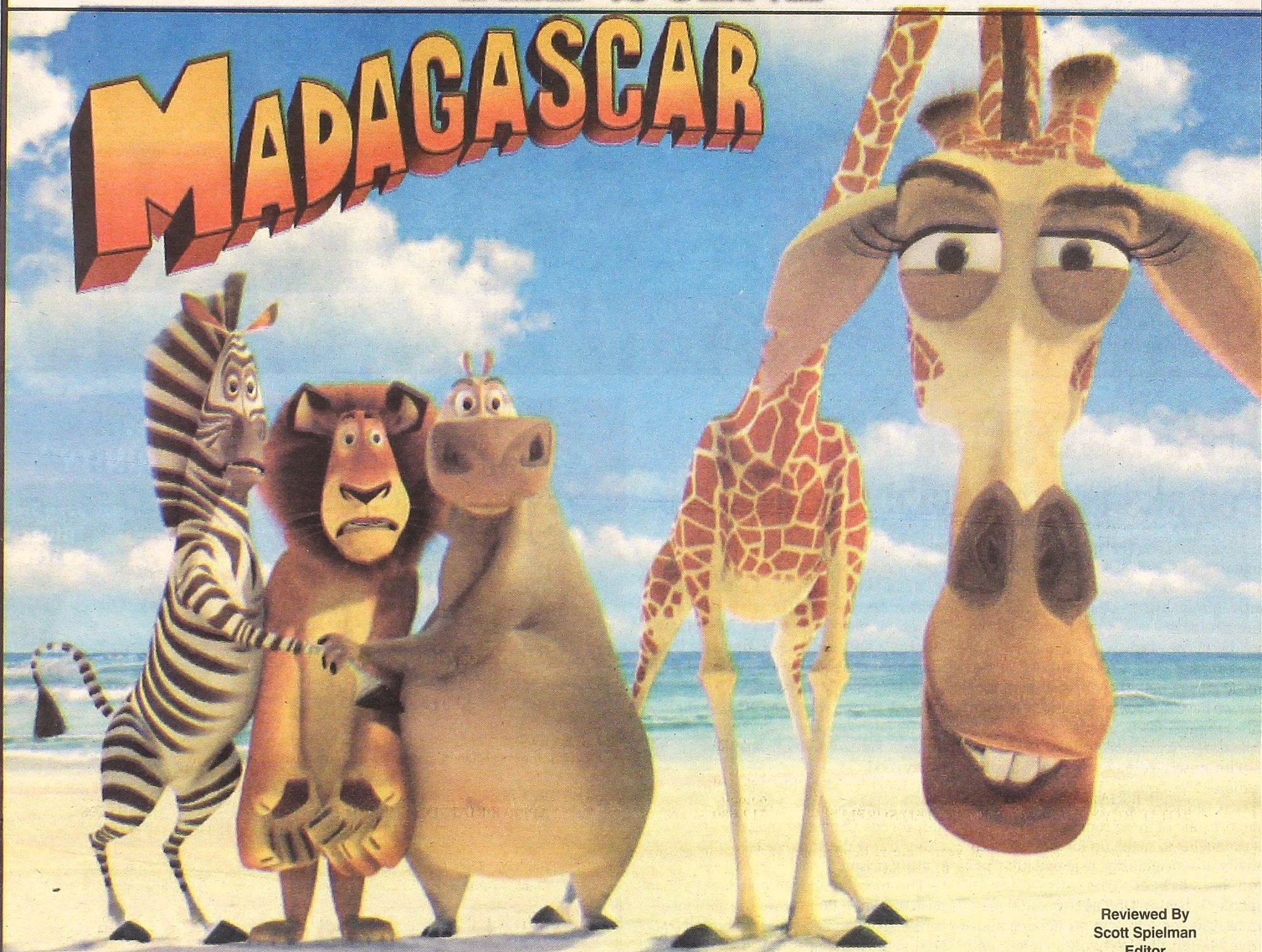
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# THE SCENE

## MADAGASCAR



Reviewed By  
Scott Spielman  
Editor

## Movie is a good but not great effort to delight all ages

The concept behind the film *Madagascar* must have seemed like a good one.

It centers on a group of animals living in The Central Park Zoo and what happens when they try to break free to reach their natural habitat – or at least satisfy a bit of wanderlust. It's a classic tale of civilization and jungle, and what's best for the animals, right? Well, not quite.

First of all, the animals themselves are a bit conflicted about their predicament. The film opens with Marty the Zebra (voiced by Chris Rock) celebrating his birthday. Half of his life gone by – 10 years – and he's never been anywhere else. He certainly hasn't seen the pristine 'wild' as it's depicted in a mosaic across from his pen. He wants to break out, see the world and is told by his friend Melman the giraffe (who, as voiced by David Schwimmer, is almost as whiny as Schwimmer's Ross character on *Friends*) that there are some wide open spaces in Connecticut.

Marty's best friend, Alex, a lion (voiced by Ben Stiller) tells him the wild isn't all its cracked

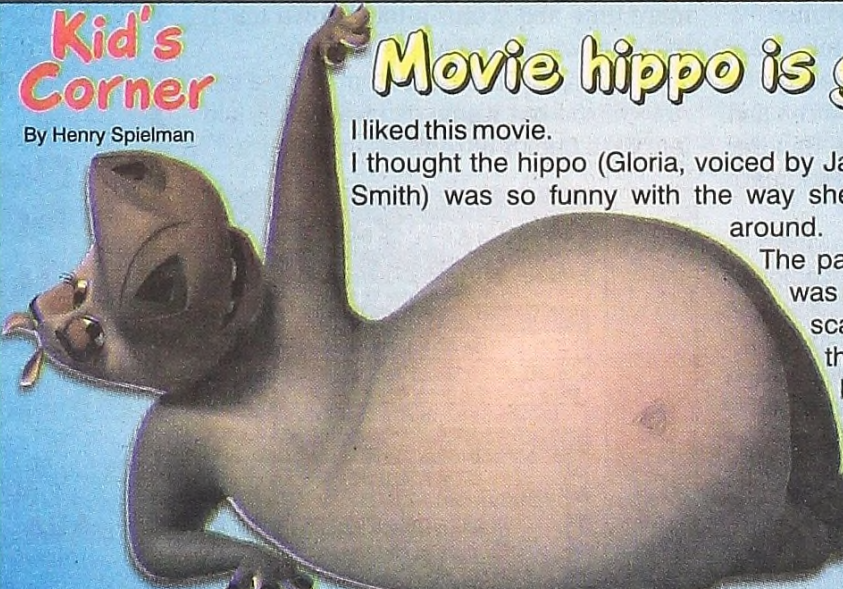
up to be. He doesn't want to leave the zoo; he's got it pretty good there. He gets three steaks a day to eat and he's the star of the show, the main attraction. He's even got a heat lamp hooked up to a clapper.

Marty decides to take a little field trip after all and one night, breaks out of the zoo and heads to the subway and the wide open spaces of Connecticut. Alex, Melman and Gloria the Hippo (Jada Pinkett Smith) catch wind of the plan, though, and chase after him to save him from himself. They succeed, in part, but the zookeepers then think the animals are too dangerous to be kept in the zoo. They're boxed up for a zoo transfer – specifically a wildlife preserve in Kenya.

They don't make that destination, though, because the freighter is hijacked by a quartet of penguins – yes, penguins – that planned their own escape for months. They turn the ship south toward Antarctica and eventual disappointment.

During the chaos of the takeover, though, the four friends are washed off the boat. They eventually land on the beaches of Madagascar.

**Kid's Corner**  
By Henry Spielman




**Movie hippo is great!**

I liked this movie. I thought the hippo (Gloria, voiced by Jada Pinkett Smith) was so funny with the way she bounced around.

The part with the (subway) train was neat, because the animals scared all the people! And the giraffe (Melman, voiced by David Schwimmer) kept falling down.

The penguins were mean.

It was a little boring in the middle, but the song at the end was good.



Up until this point, the film is actually pretty good. The bits at the zoo and the scene in the subway are pretty funny, as is the way Alex's attempt to showcase his talents are misinterpreted by an army of New York City's finest. The corresponding acid trip he goes on – after the tranquilizers take effect – will probably strike more humorous chords with parents than with children.

There are also sporadic send ups to other classic movies seen throughout the film that will

help rescue parents from boredom; and the animals are silly enough to carry the lulls in the story for the youngsters.

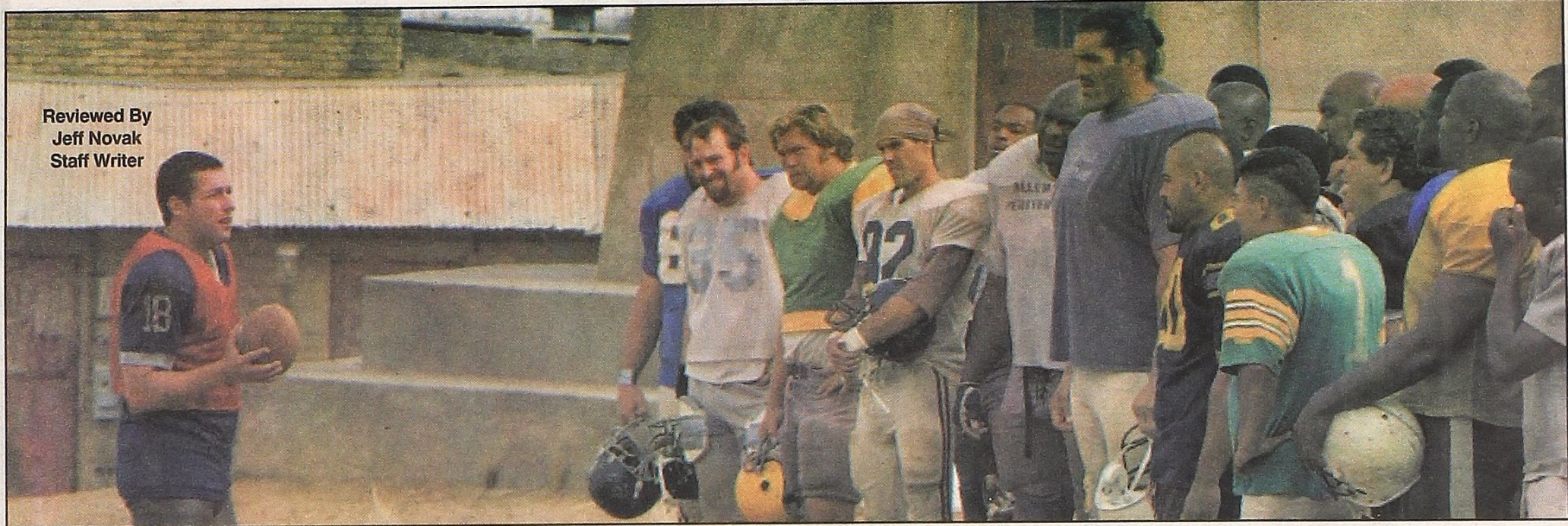
Once the animals get to the island, though, screenwriters Mark Burton and Billy Frolick don't know what to do with them. There's a bit of conflict with the lemurs that inhabit the place and some unnerving moments when Alex starts to revert to his true nature; shish-kabobbed seaweed doesn't dent his hunger, and he begins seeing steaks everywhere – even in his

friends. In the end, though, I was left with the impression that the story wasn't completely thought out.

That's not to say it was a bad movie; it succeeds at what it attempts to do, if that is merely to entertain a mixed audience for about an hour and a half. When compared to other recent animated or computer generated flicks – *The Incredibles*, the *Shrek* movies – or even older animated fare like *Beauty and the Beast*, it doesn't quite meet the mark.



# THE SCENE



Reviewed By  
Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

## The Longest Yard

Remake is remarkably forgettable

Memorial Day weekend used to be the time the "big" Hollywood blockbuster was released. It kicked off the summer with subsequent hits taking us all the way through Labor Day and to the start of the holiday movie buzz.

Unfortunately, after looking in the magic crystal ball of coming attractions, I fear we have already seen the best of what this summer has to offer with *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*.

The newly released Adam Sandler vehicle, *The Longest Yard*, a remake of Robert Aldrich's 1974 classic of the same name, is one of those remakes Hollywood is producing to make up for a lack of creativity and originality. It is exactly what you can expect from any other of Sandler's Happy Madison productions—an absurd comedy bent on making audiences laugh through vulgar jokes and coarse language. But by the time you flush the toilet during your exit pit stop you will have forgotten all about it.

Audiences will laugh, though. I did—even out loud at times.

*The Longest Yard* is no *Happy Gilmore*, but Sandler fans won't be disappointed.

He assembles several cast members from previous productions and gets pretty much the same results as *Bill Madison* and *Water Boy*. And it wouldn't be a Sandler film without Rob Schneider's trademark phrase, "You can do it!"

Sandler takes on the role of Paul "Wrecking" Crewe, played by Reynolds in the original.

Crewe is a drunken has-been star quarterback of the NFL, who was ousted from the league for shaving points in a championship game. Although the NFL has forgotten about him, he can't seem to let it go as pointed out by his tyrannical girlfriend played by Courtney Cox. So he steals her Bentley and a six-pack of beer and tries to out race the police, which lands him a three-year stint in the big house.

There, the sadistic warden (James Cromwell) tries to persuade Crewe to consult his semi-pro football team made up of prison guards. At first Crewe refuses but after a week in the "hot box," because of a cafeteria incident, he changes his mind.

The warden then wants him to assemble a team of inmates to play his team as a warm-up for the regular season.

With the help of Caretaker (Chris Rock) and Nate Scarboro (Reynolds) he puts together a mismatched group of fellow detainees. Former NFL wide out Michael Irving takes on the role of Deacon Moss, an unstoppable receiver; rapper Nelly earns a role as running back Earl Megget;

and wrestler Goldberg plays the vicious linebacker Joey Battle.

McDonalds must have paid a pretty penny to have offensive lineman Cheeseburger Eddie (Terry Allen Crew) tossing cheeseburgers, usually from unmentionable places, in just about every scene he's in.

Much to everyone's surprise, including Crewe, Scarboro, the warden and players on both sides, the team turns out to be pretty good.

At half time of the big game televised by ESPN, with the score tied at 14, the warden forces Crewe to make a decision: either throw the game or face an extra 22 years in prison.

The most memorable scene—with a hush of silence falling over the audience—is when Anakin takes his first breath from behind the dark mask of Vader. It is probably the best scene in ANY of the *Star Wars* movies...

Sorry, I forgot what movie I was writing about. See how quickly it happens.

If you saw the original you know what happens. Even Reynolds gets the ball one more time and scores a touchdown much the same way he did in the original.

*The Longest Yard* is far from being a terrible movie but it's no gateway of the old into the summer movie season either.

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SPORTS

Mustang soccer shuts out Salem

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

All season long, the Lady Mustang soccer squad has felt the pressure to repeat as state champs.

Like any big project there are certain steps that need to be followed in order to complete it. And this soccer season may be the biggest project of the year for these girls.

Step One:  
Insert Tab A, the Mustang soccer team, into Slot B, the regular season schedule. Use power, speed and defense to wrap up the division. When finished, wipe brow and make sure the conference title is in view. Check.

Step Two:  
Discard Salem and lift the conference trophy high above head for everyone to see. Check.

Step Three:  
This is where it gets tricky. Attach the conference champion Mustang team to District No. 8.

There might be some resistance from Walled Lake Western and Stevenson. Disregard target on back. Once that side is in place it may be difficult to overcome Novi, Walled Lake Central or Walled Lake Northern. Push hard to grasp the district trophy. Take a step back and breathe. Wipe brow if necessary.

Step Four (if needed):  
Tighten up defense as a precaution. Continue pounding opposing defenses with offense until regional championship is obtained. CAUTION! Loosening defense could be hazardous.

Final Step (if needed):  
Pull out all of the necessary stops. Go full throttle. Once again use power, speed and defense—the things that got the Mustangs where they are in the first place—to put ball in net as many times as possible. Stand upright and take pride in second consecutive state championship—something not done since the 80's.

If it were only that easy.

As of last Wednesday, Northville was one step closer when they defeated the Salem Rocks, 3-0, for the Western Lake Activities Association (WLAA) Conference Championship.

“It was a dandy of a game,” said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. “It was a recap of what we had before. Salem came out and played the same way they did before, with a few alterations.”

Salem and Northville tied, 2-2, earlier in the season.

This time Salem tried a trap defense, which Northville took advantage of with their speedy forwards Lauren Hill and Danielle Toney and midfielder Jen Kritch.

Both Kim Killion and Kelly Adsit had opportunities to put Salem on the board, but Northville's keeper Liz Watza denied them their goals. Watza hasn't allowed a goal in her six

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Northville senior Jen Kritch raced by two defenders in the Mustangs' 3-0 conference championship victory against Salem last Wednesday.

Flying high

Things looked pretty bleak for the Romulus Eagles varsity baseball team last Wednesday when they hosted River Rouge in a game that would decide the Mega Gold division champs. The Eagles were down 8-2 in the fifth inning but rallied back to win the game, 9-8. Junior Robert Staffieri single drove in senior Ronnie Brown for the wining run for Romulus' third straight division crown. They start district play this week. Right: Senior Philip Roscoe tags a Rouge player out at home in the fourth inning.



Plymouth ties Walled Lake Central, 1-1

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Plymouth's offensive struggles continued on the soccer field last week.

Although the Lady Wildcats tied Walled Lake Central, 1-1, last Monday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover playoff game, Plymouth coach John Delplace said the results were favorable for his first-year varsity team.

The 1-1 finish was a vast improvement from the 5-3 loss to the Central the previous week.

“It started as another opportunity for the girls to redeem themselves from the previous game,” Delplace said. “The

game showed that they can turn it around and step it up. They showed that they can play a better game than they have in the past.

“I've seen tremendous growth in the girls in how they handle losses and come to practice wanting to work harder and improve,” he added. “That just shows me how much they have grown this season.”

The tie landed them in fourth place on the Western side of the conference.

Central was on the board first, but Plymouth's defense—which has kept them in games the entire season—shut them down the rest of the way.

Plymouth lit up the board when Brittany Hengesh deflect-

ed a pass from Katie Hughes into the net for the tie.

Plymouth couldn't ride the momentum into their match-up against Country Day last Wednesday. The offense struggled again as the team fell, 2-0.

“The girls came out in the first half and played a little on the flat side,” Delplace said. “Country Day was totally prepared and took it to us. We had a few mental breakdowns in the first half and we paid for it.

“When they got the first goal it didn't seem to wake us up any,” he added. “But when they scored the second, I think that woke us up and we shut them out completely the rest of the

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Zebra hitters fall to Northern in conference finale

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebras' 14-game win streak ended last Wednesday when Walled Lake Northern came to town and squeezed out a 3-2 victory.

Unfortunately for Wayne, they were playing for the conference championship.

“It's a hard pill to swallow,” said Wayne Coach Tom Wakefield. “It's just unfortunate when you have just two losses in the league and you're playing a team that has five losses, but you still have to play for the championship.”

Northern went up, 1-0, after the first frame and added a second run at the top of the second.

Wayne bit into the lead with a run at the bottom of the second to make it a 2-1 game.

The next four innings were a succession of goose eggs; neither team had runners cross the plate. At the top of the seventh, Northern managed one more run, extending their lead to 3-1.

Wayne put things together enough to bring in one more run and cut into the lead, 3-2, but it wasn't enough and Northern escaped with the victory.

“We had a good run and we just played a mediocre game on Wednesday—unfortunately, it was during a conference championship,” Wakefield said. “I told

the guys that when you're on a roll you have people that put a target on your back. The only positive about this is that's it's not the end of our season. I told the kids to remember this feeling so it doesn't happen again.”

David Clendenning recorded the loss from the mound for Wayne. He allowed 11 hits and all three runs and struck out six batters.

Clint Serna was the big hitter on the day for Wayne. He went 2-for-4 with one run scored. Andrew Kaleto scored Wayne's other run. He also struck out one batter.

Wayne 5, John Glenn 2

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Tom Wakefield

Last Tuesday was a better day for Wayne when the Zebras won bragging rights for the year when they defeated cross-town rivals John

Glenn, 5-2.

Justin Collop pitched a complete game with six strikeouts and boosted his record to 7-1 for the season.

Earl Martin had a good day at the plate. He went 1-for-3 with two RBI and one run scored. Serna was solid, as well, with two hits and one RBI. Jeremy Jamnick was also 2-for-4. Clendenning, who leads the team with a .425 batting average, went 1-for-3 and scored once.

Wayne will get ready for their

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# Northville softball battles Canton at Madonna Classic

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Every year it seems like it's Canton and Northville battling it out in the conference or tournament championship games. When the Madonna Classic came around, it was no different.

The softballers met again in the tournament finale before the start of last week.

It was Canton that came out on top with a 7-1 victory.

Northville was down 10 in the first and the Chiefs that carried that over to the end of the game. The Lady Mustangs loaded up the bases with three straight singles but couldn't bring anyone in, according to Northville coach Jean Calabrese.

Calabrese said they did play shorthanded with several key players out with injuries and others with the flu.

"We have to learn how to play through these things," she said. "I'm not disappointed. They

played tired and they played beat up but the team still gelled—I'll take that any day of the week. They're learning to be champions and I'm proud of them."

Northville was 25-9 after the tournament. They have gone to three championship games in three different tournaments and have won one of them, Calabrese added.

Northville scored their lone run in the seventh inning. Christy Badeen singled and Elise Fleishaker brought her home with a single.

Jenna Dumbleton was the losing pitcher with two strikeouts and five walks.

## Northville 1, Belleville 3

Northville started the tournament off with a tough, 3-1, loss to Belleville on the first day of the tournament.

Kelly Lockman scored the Mustangs' only run when she headed to second with a double and Badeen singled her home. Belleville scored all three of the

tallies in the third.

Fleishaker went 2-for-3 for Northville. Dumbleton pitched a five-hitter with one strikeout and zero walks.

## Northville 10, Clarkston 1

Northville won three straight games to go to the championship game against Canton.

They first defeated Clarkston, 10-1.

"We played really well and got back on track," Calabrese said.

Dumbleton earned the win from the circle.

The offense picked up as five players had multiple hits in the game. Fleishaker went 3-for-3. Lockman and Badeen went 2-for-3 and Dumbleton and Zima were both 2-for-4. Bridgit Hughes was 1-for-3 with two runs scored.

## Northville 9, Marion 5

Northville beat Birmingham Marion, 9-5 in the third game of the day.

They scored eight of their nine runs in the first inning to make it nearly impossible for Marion to

come back.

"When we score first we are tough to beat," Calabrese said. "With the lead we had we were able to work on some things that we normally don't get to."

Zima was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Both Emily Doren and Lockman had a hit with an RBI while Emma Wise and Hughes went 2-for-4. Kristin Zawacki also had an

RBI.

## Northville 4, Ladywood 0

Dumbleton threw two strikeouts and only allowed three hits in the team's 4-0 shutout against Ladywood in the opening game on Sunday.

Zima was 1-for-3 with an RBI and Doren went 2-for-3. Zawacki had a sacrifice bunt RBI and scored once.

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# Salem softball wins flight at tourney

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

After a superb showing at the Madonna Classic the previous weekend, the Salem Rocks' softball squad ended the regular season with a 4-3 loss to Walled Lake Western last Tuesday.

Maureen Bohr was the big hitter for Salem in the game. She went 2-for-3 with a single and a double.

Last week was not all bad news for the Lady Rocks. Salem entered the week winning their flight at the Madonna Classic the previous Sunday. They won three out of the five games played to defend their title from last year. They needed to win both games on Sunday in order to win, and they did.

In the final game of the tournament they met up with Airport Carlton and squeaked away with a 4-3 victory.

Abby Pairitz earned the win from the circle. She pitched a five-hitter with two walks and one strikeout in five complete innings, according to Salem Coach Bonnie Southerland. Courtney Davis replaced her in the sixth, allowing three hits, one walk and one error.

Salem had a 3-1 lead going into the sixth frame, but Airport cut into it with another run at the top of the frame. Airport started another rally in the seventh but some excellent defense on the part of first baser Deonna Szawara and outfielder Amy Caves, the Rocks limited them to just one run.

Caves put the game away with a spectacular catch and throw. An Airport batter nailed a fly ball in between Caves and the right fielder that looked out of reach. But Caves made the catch and managed to

throw to second base to double off the runner and win the game, Southerland said.

"I'm glad the girls came back Sunday morning with some fight in them," She said. "They really came back and battled in two really good games and some nice defense to win it."

Ali Proodian had a great game from the plate, going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Danielle Dipietro went 2-for-3 with an RBI while Tina Sniegowski and McKinley both had singles.

## Salem 5, North Farmington 4

The Lady Rocks racked up seven hits in their 5-4 win against North Farmington in the first game on the second day of the tournament.

Pairitz earned the win again from the circle. She replaced Melisa Leach - who gave up three runs in the second - in the third inning and was steady with three hits and a strikeout.

Salem was down, 3-1, in the fifth but rallied back with three runs to tie the game at 4.

Things were quiet until the bottom of the seventh, when Salem had the bases loaded with two outs. Downey was at the plate with Sniegowski at third. Sniegowski took off on the pitch and got

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# Inkster's Rogers wins 3rd Hoop Shoot at Palace

Jeff Novak  
 Staff Writer

How exciting would it be to be on the floor of the Palace of Auburn Hills, running the hardwood that current Piston stars like Ben Wallace, Rip Hamilton and Chauncey Billups run?

Now imagine a crowd in the stands, the lights shining down and not only participating in, but winning the Michigan Parks and Recreation Hoop Shoot Contest?

David Rogers, an 11-year old fifth grader at Tomlinson Elementary School in Inkster, knows exactly how it feels.

He won the competition not once, not twice, but three times in a row.

When Rogers was eight years old and playing ball at the Inkster Recreation Center, his shooting and dribbling skills caught the eye of Ruth E. Williams, the Youth Program Specialist for the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation.

Williams persuaded Rogers to compete in the local Hoop Shoot Contest.

He competed against 175 other kids and won first place, which earned him a spot at the regional competition in Saline. He again placed first against participants from 45 different cities throughout the state. That win landed him on the big floor at the Palace of Auburn Hills, where he won his first Hoop Shoot Finals in 2003. He won again in 2004 and again this past April.

So how does a young rising basketball star win a high-profile contest like this?

"Practice makes perfect," Rogers said.

How does an 11-year-old handle the pressure of being on the hard wood and under the big lights?

"When I'm out there, it's just me out there," he said. "I don't think about anything else—it's just me."

Here's how the contest works: There are several spots marked on the floor labeled with a corresponding number, which is the

amount of points earned if the competitor makes the shot from that spot.

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This last time, Rogers scored 53 points at the Palace to win the competition. The closest opponent scored 16. In saline he netted 60 points, outscoring every competitor in every age group from nine to 16 years old.

Although Rogers tends to remain cool, calm and collective, it's another story for his mother:

"The first time I think I was more nervous than he was," his mother, Lisa Rogers said. "The second time wasn't as bad and the third time. I was like 'just go out there and do it.'"

Rogers also plays for the Stars, and Inkster Recreational team, which keeps him busy.

"We live here," said Lisa Rogers of the Inkster Recreation Center. "This our second home. David sleeps with the ball, wakes up with, and plays ball in the yard because that's what he does."

"Hopefully it will keep him together—keep him on the straight and narrow," she added. "I just hope it keeps him off the streets."

Although Rogers doesn't think he's a good distant shooter his Stars coach Lorenzo Bonam says differently.

"He's the best three-point shooter I have," Bonam said. "He's a pretty natural shooter and we count on Dave for a lot."

So, three years and counting, but can he keep it up?

"I think he'll do it again," said his mother. "And he'll keep winning it until he's 16—the last year he can."

Rogers just flashes a broad smile and nods his head yes emphatically to the question.

## Salem

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caught in a rundown, but she escaped and scored the winning run.

"It was a gutsy call but we had to try something," Southerland said. "If it works, you win; if it doesn't, you go into extra innings. I just knew with Tina and her speed and quickness if we were going to try something like this, she is the best one to make the other team throw the ball around.

And, well, guess what? It worked, Salem wins."

On offense, Kait McKinley had a two-run double in the fifth after Caves knocked in Szawara, who was on base with a single. Tina Sniegowski went 2-for-4 while Katie Downey and Ali Proodian had singles.

**Salem 2, West Bloomfield 1**

To help them make it through Sunday, Salem defeated West Bloomfield 2-1. Courtney Davis earned the win by pitching a four-hitter with six Ks.

Caves nailed a homer in the first inning. Proodian had a double and a single.

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*It was a gutsy call but we had to try something.*

**Bonnie Southerland**

McKinley went 2-for-3 with a triple and a single. Maureen Bohr went 2-for-3 and Behr and Di Pietro each had singles.

**Salem 2, Kennedy 5**

Salem started the tournament off rocky with a, 5-2, loss to Taylor Kennedy.

They went through three pitchers in the shortened six-inning game.

Leach started the game and held Kennedy scoreless through four innings with four hits and three strikeouts. Losing pitcher Crystal Rohn, who went in at the top of the fifth, was removed in the top of the sixth after giving up four of the five runs. Davis replaced her.

Salem's second loss of the tournament came in the final Saturday contest against Marine City.

Marine City scored all six runs in the third to put the game out of reach for Salem.

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REVENUES	25,153,522
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,017,969
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	26,171,491

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	5,215,800
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SECTION 27. That amounts budgeted for specific items or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 28. Be it further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.5282
SANITATION MILLAGE	0.9000
EPA LEVY MILLAGE	1.6703

SECTION 29. Be it further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

That for the expenditures of the 34th District Court and its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, the following amounts are hereby appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENTURES	3,279,937
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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
 Nays - Miller, Romak.  
 Motion Carried.

**05-176**

5B1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, to adopt a resolution determining the necessity for the maintenance of the improvements in the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
 Nays - None.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-177**

5B2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday June 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., for purpose of hearing objections to the proposed maintenance of improvements in the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
 Nays - None.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.

**05-178**

5C. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to grant authorization for the Mayor and

Clerk to enter into an agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for the Rouge Round VI-A Project.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
<b>05-179</b>
6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to accept Smith and Vining Roads from Merriman Road to Wick Road for Act 51 purposes, into the Romulus-Street System as major public streets.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
<b>05-180</b>
11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve Warrant 05-09, authorizing the City Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds in the amount of Nine Hundred Forty One Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Seven Cents (\$941,528.07).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.
<b>05-181</b>
11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to approve Warrant 05-09E, authorizing the City Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds in the amount of Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Dollars, and Zero Cents (8,470.00).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan
I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 9, 2005.
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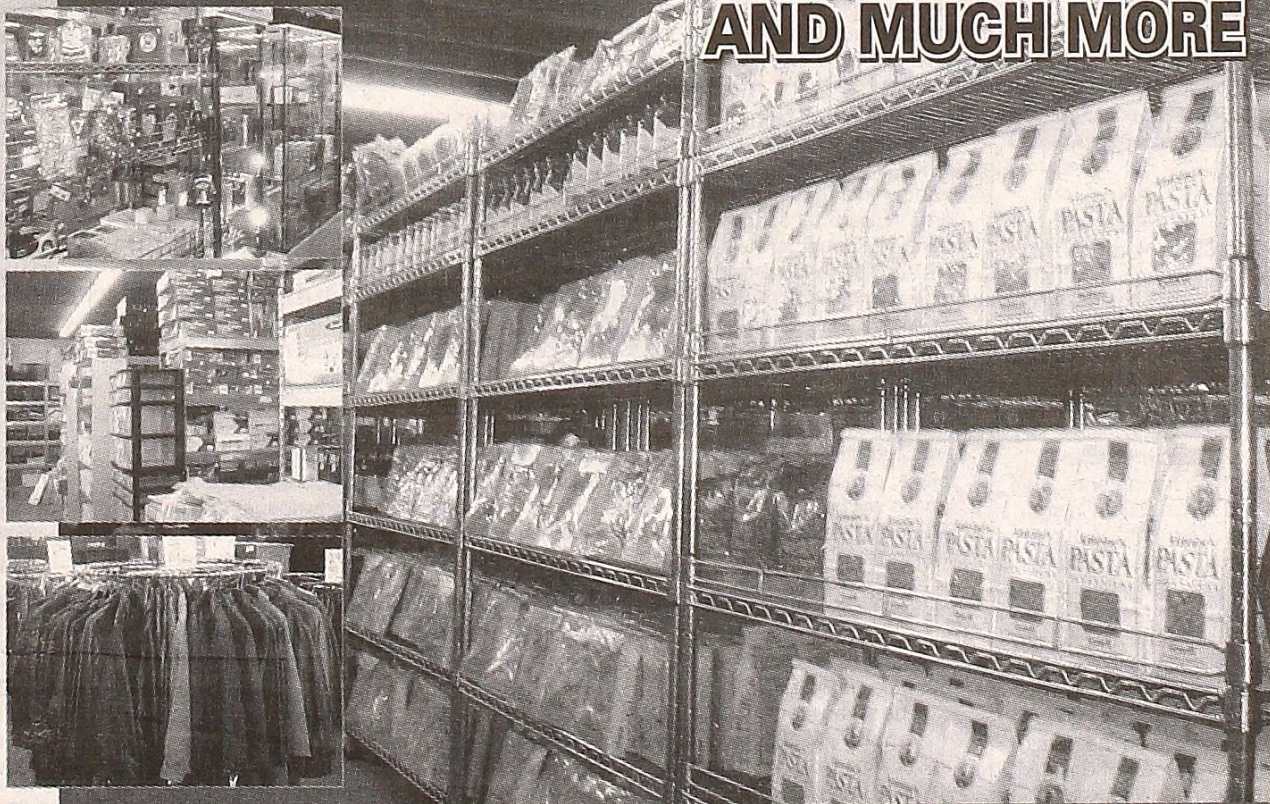
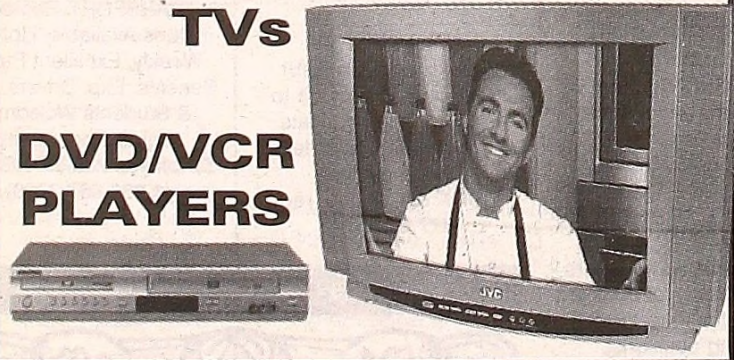
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# Family crisis brings a look at expectations

It's puzzling how sometimes we can't see the hand before our face.

A friend's family has been emotionally whipped for years because one of the sons is caught in the depth of drug and alcohol addiction.

As good people do, they've tried everything to help the now not-so-young man, and for their efforts live with constant fear and emotional pain.

"I always expect the worst when it comes to James," Mary said about her son.

I understood, because for the longest time I'd struggled with expecting the worst. My Mom had suffered a lot as a child. She'd been abandoned by her mother, and again by a foster mother. Mom always expected the worst.

Mary said that James had been arrested for resisting arrest and being drunk and disorderly. Did I have any ideas?

Thinking about Mary's dilemma off and on most of the day brought answers on

issues that troubled me.

I suggested Mary increase her Al-Anon meetings attendance and that she call a judge friend of mine who administers a terrific recovery program through his court.

"Even though James is in jail in another state?" Mary asked.

"Sure, addiction is not exclusive to Michigan."

Mary was grateful for the information.

"Something became very obvious to me, Mary, while thinking about your problem. We try not to have expectations, because life has taught us when something is expected, most of the time we're disappointed. But, what didn't occur to me is, for years, Mary, you and the family have been waiting for that phone call where a voice says your son is dead."

"You're absolutely right," she said.

Trying not to have expectations of the other shoe dropping, in any fearful situa-

tion, has been an issue with me since I was a boy. How in the world could I miss something so obvious—a constant expectation that only the worst will happen? It's called impending doom and its stressful, exhausting and brutal.

In explaining to Mary that in no way was that locked-in expectation positive or helpful in living a peaceful, fear-less life, I was talking to me.

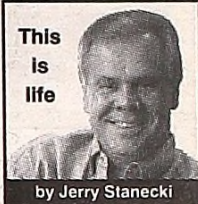
I thanked Mary because it was her call, her fears that had opened the door for me to look at issues I've neglected. It was time to re-address the issue of my well-being, and accept the fact that no matter what I do, I cannot determine the results. What I am able to do is choose whether I want to take better care of me and stop feeding impending doom.

In other words, I choose to surrender my will to control and put my diseased (diseased) ego—the one that says I'm more powerful than God—in immediate check.

When I do that, the stress eases, I became more comfortable, and I'm filled with renewed hope and faith.

"Wow," Mary said, "I got it. And, thanks, the judge helped us too."

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## New arrival

### Akeem Jamaal Saddler

Akeem Jamaal Saddler, the first child of Jamaal Saddler and Ashlee Williams, was born May 13.

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### 1. Obituaries

HENRY, Betty Ruth  
Age 68, of Northville, MI, formerly of Ann Arbor, died on May 13, 2005 following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease and a short battle with cancer. Betty was born on January 6, 1937, in Cleveland, OH and was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Al Wendt of Chargin Falls, OH. Betty was married to Robert L. Henry (Bob) on January 2, 1960, a marriage that lasted for over 45 years, and he survives. Betty was a realtor in Ann Arbor and retired from her position as the Admin. Asst. in the Interior Design Dept. of U of M. Betty loved life, was very generous with her time, and very active in her children's and grandchildren's lives and in the Ann Arbor Community. She loved to play golf, bowl, ski, ride her bike and travel. After their retirement, Bob and Betty traveled extensively, logging over 70,000 miles in their motorhome. They also traveled to Europe and the Caribbean. Betty

is also survived by her daughter Cindy Grabowski, son-in-law Joe Grabowski and their children Anissa, Jake, and Adam; her daughter Kelly Breniser, son-in-law David Breniser and their children Sarah, Colleen and Jennifer; and her son Scott Henry, daughter-in-law Jackie Henry and their children Michaela and Ben. Cremation has taken place, and a Memorial Service will be held June 19, 2005 at the West Side Methodist Church. The family requests that anyone who wishes to honor Betty's life may consider contributions to one of the following organizations: The Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or the hospice program at Odyssey Health Care

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on June 8, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. at Dalton Towing, 27218 Currier, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

1984 Dodge StWgn 2B6HB23T1EK279211

1987 Chevrolet 2Dr 1GNCS18R7H8199701

1994 Mercury 4Dr 2MELM74W9RX642531

1990 Ford 4Dr 2FAPP36X2LB204632

1986 Ford PU 1FTDF15Y1GLB11203

1993 Ford StWgn 1FMCA11U7PZB43773

1987 Honda 4Dr 1HGCA5626HA077074

1992 Ford 2Dr 1FAPP6045NH119824

1996 Ford StWgn 2FMDA51U6TBA99175

1994 Cadillac 4Dr 1G6KS52Y9RU839625

1996 Ford 2Dr KNJLT05H6T6173166

1988 Ford 4Dr 2FABP74FXJX122546

1997 Geo 4Dr 1Y1SK5263VZ451746

1985 Dodge StWgn 2B4HB21T8FK277436

1993 Pontiac 4Dr 1G2NE5436PC764117

1992 Plymouth StWgn 1P4GH44R8NX210038

1998 Jeep StWgn 1J4GZ78Y6WC124458

1987 Oldsmobile 4Dr 2G3AJ51R3H9411339

1997 Buick 4Dr 2G4WS52M5V1418109

1995 Pontiac 2Dr 2G2FS22SS2248989

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1996 Chevrolet 4Dr 1G1JC5244T7288800

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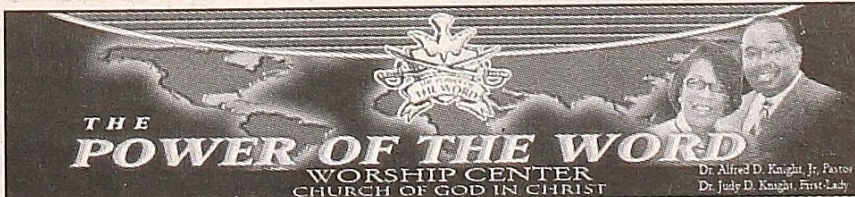
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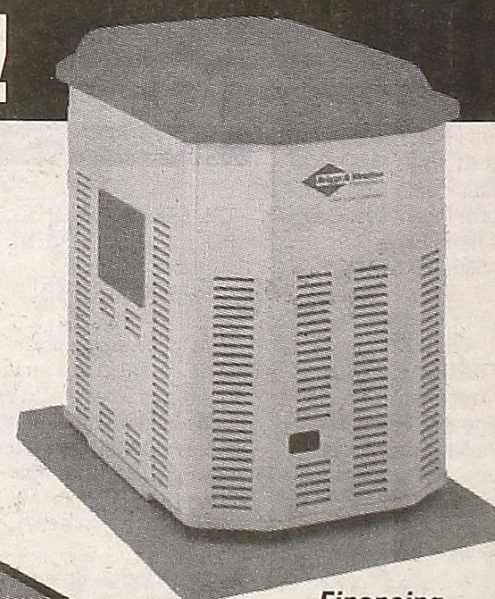
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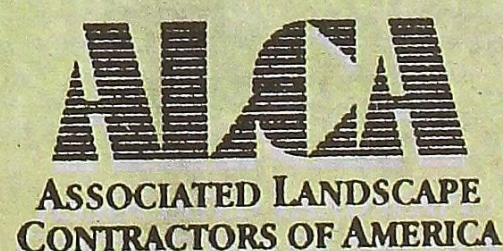
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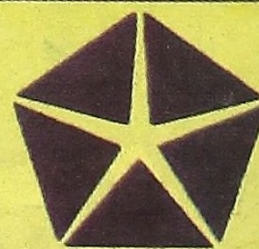
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